

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Lalibella, Inc., t/a  
Lalibella Ethiopian  
Restaurant  
1415 14th Street NW  
License No. 86037

Show Cause  
Hearing  
(Status)

Retailer CR - ANC 2F

Case No. 12-AUD-0058(a)

Wednesday  
February 5, 2014

The Alcoholic Beverage Control  
Board met in Alcoholic Beverage Control  
Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th  
Street N.W., Washington, D.C., Chairperson  
Ruthanne Miller presiding.

PRESENT:

RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson  
NICK ALBERTI, Member  
DONALD BROOKS, Member  
HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, Member  
MICHAEL SILVERSTEIN, Member  
JAMES SHORT, Member  
HERMAN JONES, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Chrissy Gephardt, OAG

P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

(10:10 a.m.)

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I may go out of order here. If the case of Lalibella Ethiopian Restaurant, if you're here, I understand this may be a quick case. So if you're here, we'll take you out of order.

(Off the record comments)

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Good morning.

MS. GEPHARDT: Good morning.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: When you're ready, if you would, introduce yourselves to the record.

MR. OBDURAS: Yes, my name is Ta'hi, last name Obduras, Lalibella Restaurant.

MS. GEPHARDT: Chrissy Gephardt, on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Sir, I'm sorry, are you the owner of the restaurant?

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MR. OBDURAS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You're the owner, okay. Thank you. So this is scheduled for a show cause hearing, but I understand you may have some preliminary issues?

MS. GEPHARDT: Yes, we do.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

MS. GEPHARDT: The attorneys have reached an offer and compromise that we'd like to present to the Board today. For the two charges in this case, we are proposing a \$1,500 fine for each charge, for a total of \$3,000. And that is payable --

(Off the record comments)

MS. GEPHARDT: -- within two weeks.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Do you have a date when that is?

(Off the record comments)

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: 19th of February? Okay. That's February 19th. Okay,

1     sir, I want to ask you if you are, in fact,  
2     agreeable to the offer and compromise,  
3     presented by the Government for a fine of  
4     \$3,000, which represents \$1,500 for each  
5     charge --

6                     MR. OBDURAS:   Yes.

7                     CHAIRPERSON MILLER:  -- payable by  
8     February 19th?

9                     MR. OBDURAS:   Okay, I would.

10                    CHAIRPERSON MILLER:  You do?

11                    MR. OBDURAS:   Yes.

12                    CHAIRPERSON MILLER:  And do you  
13     understand that you waive your right to a  
14     hearing by accepting the offer and compromise?

15                    MR. OBDURAS:   Yes.

16                    CHAIRPERSON MILLER:  Okay.  Are  
17     there any questions by Board Members?  Okay,  
18     not hearing any, then I move that we accept  
19     this offer and compromise of \$3,000, payable  
20     by February 19th.  Do I have a second?

21                    MEMBER SHORT:   Second.

22                    CHAIRPERSON MILLER:  Okay, Mr.

1 Short has seconded the motion. All those in  
2 favor say aye.

3 (Multiple Ayes)

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All those  
5 opposed? All those abstaining? The motion  
6 passes 5-0-0. Okay, thank you very much.

7 MR. OBDURAS: Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: There will be  
9 just some paperwork that comes to you.

10 MR. OBDURAS: All right.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: But you can  
12 take this in the back. Okay.

13 (Whereupon, at 10:13 a.m., the  
14 show cause status hearing was adjourned.)  
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